

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....March 13, 2006

Members Present..... Commissioner Greg Chilcott,
Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Sally Fortino

Present: James McCubbin, Deputy County Attorney
Dana Ashman, Clerk and Recorder
Representative from Hamilton Golf Course
Duus family representative

The Board of County Commissioners met to facilitate a land transfer from private citizens to the Hamilton Golf Course. The representative from the Hamilton Golf Course stated they would accept the transfer.

Commissioner Thompson moved that the Commissioners pass a resolution to accept the parcel of property from the Duus, which will connect with the Hamilton Golf Club. He also moved that the lease between the Golf Club and Ravalli County be amended. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted 'aye.' (See Resolution No. 1812)

Jana Exner, Accounting:

In other business, Commissioner Chilcott said George Corn, the County Attorney, notified the Board of County Commissioners that he has experienced some temporary employee losses, which require temporary replacements. He anticipates overages on his budget.

Jana said he is over on his budget. Commissioner Chilcott said George would like to cover these unexpected expenses through CIP. Commissioner Chilcott would prefer not to use it for unanticipated employee costs. Jana said budget amendments would have to be written to handle it correctly.

Commissioner Thompson clarified that the proposed solution to increase the County Attorney's budget included a provision to roll any leftover funds back into GUC.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to transfer the needed funds, with provision that money first be sought from other lines on the Attorney's budget, and any unused funds taken from GUC provision will be transferred back to GUC.

Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, and all voted 'aye'.

In other business, the Board of County Commissioners met with representatives from the Council on Aging for discussion and decision on the Mill Levy.

Paul Travitz, Council on Aging stated the number of people age 65 and over is increasing much faster than anticipated. It is estimated that Ravalli County's elderly population, by percentage, will surpass Missoula County by 2017. The Council on Aging is looking for secure funding to prepare for future growth in this sector of the population. Their present funding does not allow them to offer any portion of their program to the elderly in Florence.

Commissioner Thompson asked if the mill levy would be in addition to the money from the County budget or a replacement. Paul said it would replace the present budgeted funds.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the necessity of placing the levy on the ballot, and was assured by James that it would have to be on the ballot. It will be placed on the ballot for the Primary election in June.

Commissioner Chilcott verified that the funds from the levy would be dedicated to the Council on Aging.

James said direct authority is stated for the County to establish funds to support activities for the elderly by levy on properties, and can be accomplished by election. It must be a set amount. The Resolution must include the purpose for fund raising and specific dollar amounts with the approximate number of mills, and not the specific number of mills with an approximate dollar amount, and include any limits on duration.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the language for a resolution. It was decided to add the word, 'nutritional', to the statutory language, and maintain the word, 'recreational', under advice of counsel, since healthy exercise is addressed in the definition of that word.

Commissioner Lund made a motion to pass a resolution to place the issue on the ballot: to establish a fund to promote, establish and maintain nutritional, recreational, educational, and other activities of the elderly. (See Resolution NO. 1809)

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, adding that Ravalli County has a significant aging element. He asked that ranking for the County be determined by comparison with other parts of the state, not limiting comparisons to Missoula County, alone. He added the presumption is that younger people are moving into the County, which is obviously an incorrect assumption.

Paul said that Flathead County is the only county ahead of Ravalli County in the aging of its population.

The motion was put to vote, and all voted 'aye'.

The Board addressed the request to close Meyers Road for the upcoming Farm Fair on May 5th. Commissioner Chilcott asked David to grade the road and install road closure signs on that day. Commissioner Lund made a motion to close Myers Lane for Farm Fair. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board met with members of the 9-1-1 Center Board. Present was Jane Ellis, Vice Chair of 9-1-1 Advisory Board, Sheriff Chris Hoffman, Hamilton Fire Chief Ron Ehli, and others. Jane felt the Advisory Board could help the Department Head for a long-range plan of the 9-1-1 Center, with final authority of the Commissioners, but they need to know if the Board of County Commissioners wants that type of input.

Sheriff Hoffman stated he was surprised the agenda today addressed the issue of Protection Orders. He stated it is important for the advisory board to know what their role is in this regard.

Commissioner Chilcott felt the board should be the service delivery experts. James read a portion of the purpose of the Inter-local agreement for management control over CJIN/NCIC operations for the Ravalli County 9-1-1- Dispatch. This is a controlling board in this regard. Anything else is advisory only.

Sheriff Hoffman stated he was also speaking for the Hamilton Police Department in regard to understanding how the protection orders are input for other agencies. He stated the entry of those is a policy decision by the Board. So do they make a decision or make a suggestion?

James stated this is a hybrid board. Because a decision affects the members does not mean it is a CJIN/NCIC Board. Commissioner Lund said we have taken this out of Dispatch; those entries are going to be given to the Sheriff.

Jane stated a way to deal with this is show CJIN information is entered; Law Enforcement should control who has access to that. The question of who enters the information is a Commissioner decision, as the Commissioners are over the 9-1-1 Center. Commissioner Chilcott and Commissioner Thompson agreed. Commissioner Thompson stated he never anticipated that the Advisory Board would make day-to-day decisions, but to meet and review certain policies, making recommendations. Commissioner Lund stated she likes the idea of the Board developing a long-range plan, which will help the Commissioners.

Ron agreed they do not want to be part of the daily operation, but the decisions the Commissioners make need to be 'in sync' with our policies. Commissioner Chilcott stated we are under budget constraints. Jane said the budget is the Commissioners' issue; we need to advocate for the 9-1-1 Center.

Dewey Allsop stated the issue with the warrants affects the agencies and it occurred right after we got started. The previous board was non-functional. We want this to be a good board and we need to work together. We don't want to waste our time.

Sheriff Hoffman stated he tried to reconstitute the Board and could not; so the best way to do this was to put it back under the Commissioners. We are not disputing; we are just asking what the Commissioners are expecting. Commissioner Lund said long range plans, etc., are to support the Department Head. The Commissioners expect efficient operations with the approval of the Commissioners. Commissioner Thompson said the Commissioners look forward to the Center Board's suggestions, and are glad to have Jane on board. Jane said it might do us good to develop our bylaws and bring them to the Commissioners, and prior to budget do a first cut for our service level.

In other business, Commissioner Chilcott attended a working meeting regarding streamside setback.